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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1 and 6, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: